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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I verily believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS IN A
NETWORK USING A REDUNDANT SWITCHING ARCHITECTURE**

the specification of which:

 is attached hereto.

X was filed on 10/16/2003 as Application Serial No. 10/687,426 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of any application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed
_____	_____	_____	_____
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120/365/119 and 37 CFR § 1.78 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this

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application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending)
_____	_____	_____
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